

Subpart A – Engineering Activities Affecting Utilities

MN503.05

§MN503.02 General considerations.

(e) A list of all utility companies including addresses, telephone numbers and names of contact persons should be maintained in the field office. This list should be used to contact utility companies concerning information about specific installations during design of improvements.

(1) A warning statement as follows shall be placed on all engineering plans:

BEFORE START OF CONSTRUCTION, THE OWNERS OF ANY UTILITIES INVOLVED MUST BE NOTIFIED. THE EXCAVATOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GIVING THIS NOTICE BY CALLING "GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL" AT (651) 454-0002 (TWIN CITIES METRO AREA) OR (800) 252-1166 (ALL OTHER LOCATIONS) AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO ANY EXCAVATION.

(2) If subsurface investigations or construction of any work will be carried out under NRCS programs, Form MN-ENG-098 shall be sent or delivered to all affected landowners/ operators or sponsors. The landowners/operators or sponsors are to provide the requested information, sign the form, and return Part 1 to the field office. Part 2 shall be forwarded to the excavator for timely completion and submission to the field office. The completed form must be returned before subsurface investigations or construction can begin. A copy of the signed form shall be retained in the case file (see attached form MN-ENG-098).

Therefore, more than one contact with Gopher State One-Call may be required for a given project. Contact should be made by the respective excavator at least 48 hours prior to each subsurface investigation or construction activity. Part 2 of Form MN-ENG-098 shall be completed for each excavation performed.

§MN503.04 Buried utilities.

(a) Form MN-ENG-098 shall be used in Minnesota. The land-owner/operator or sponsor is to provide the information and take the actions as listed on Part 1 of the form. The excavator shall provide the information and take the actions as listed on Part 2 of the form.

§MN503.05 Checklist.

Form MN-ENG-098 shall be used as the checklist. The checklist on the reverse side of Part 1 shall be completed for any work involving a buried utility (Subpart D - Exhibit §MN503.30).

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§MN503.06 State laws.

(a) Notification

Notification of utilities shall be made through the Gopher State One-Call system as mandated by Minnesota Statute, Chapter 216D. Each field office shall have a current copy of the Gopher State One-Call Excavator's Manual on file.

The excavator is required to notify Gopher State One-Call at least 48 hours prior to any excavation and will be held responsible for any damages to utilities if such notice is not given. The excavator is the person who actually performs the construction, soil boring, or other excavation activity and can be the contractor, the landowner, or an NRCS or state employee.

(b) Color Codes

Minnesota State Statutes, Chapter 216D, specifies color codes for use in marking utilities, proposed excavations and for surveying purposes. Fluorescent pink and white are the colors designated for surveying purposes and proposed excavations. These are the colors that must be used in Minnesota for marking work in areas where excavation activities will be performed.

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